

The News at Hemingford.

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B. & M. TIME TABLE.
Passenger trains leave Hemingford, daily, as follows:
No. 41, west., 8:40 a.m.; No. 42, east., 3:44 p.m.
All regular trains carry passengers.

Mrs. Harold Olds was ill a day or two last week.

Frank Bevan was up from his ranch in Liberty precinct Friday.

G. S. Taylor was a business visitor to Hemingford Wednesday.

A. S. Enyeart and E. S. Wildy were Alliance visitors this week.

Barney Fendrich, of R. Fendrich & Co., of Dunlap, was in Hemingford last week.

The family of Carl Roberts, some of whom have been ill, are reported much better.

John Armstrong lost a valuable mare this week. It breaks up his fine team of draft horses.

Mr. Richie, Marsland's jolly innkeeper and liveryman, was in town Wednesday for a few hours.

Henry Liehte was awarded the contract to carry the mail to Dunlap for the next four years, at an advance consideration.

Lucien Tuttle, a brother of Mrs. Bean, arrived Thursday from Iowa. Mr. Tuttle will remain here until spring, making his home with Mrs. Bean.

One of the things for which our citizens are to be commended is the way that they attend funerals of their friends and neighbors. There is always a very large attendance at such times.

The M. W. A. ball which was indefinitely postponed has been arranged for Friday, April 4. The old invitations will hold good and supplementary may be mailed to those who were invited before.

Any who delight in the stories of Sir Walter Scott or the poetry of Robert Burns will find the Highlander castle soon to be organized here a congenial atmosphere. Join before the cost is high.

The Methodist church has been papered, scrubbed and fixed up generally, this week. The members have worked hard and the appearance of their place of worship fully justifies the time they have spent.

Dowitt Eager has purchased a mercantile business at Pierce, and is conducting a strictly cash store at that place. Mr. Eager formerly made a great deal of money at this business and thinks that the prospects are very bright for business success in Pierce.

J. S. Harris, a brother of Mrs. James A. Hunter, was in Hemingford, Tuesday, enroute to Chadron. Mr. Harris left Chadron a couple of weeks ago and has been engaged in buying cattle in the sand hills east of here during that time. He has purchased several hundred head for May delivery.

Three times within ten days the grim reaper has stretched forth his hand and gathered from the ranks of the living three who were fathers and husbands. Let us not in our busy vocations forget our duty to those who are left to mourn for them. And especially, Mrs. M. J. Bean—the mother in far off Virginia—should be remembered by her Nebraska friends.

The new Castle (proposed) of the Highlanders is growing rapidly. Twenty-one have now signified their intention of becoming charter members and more have said they would join. The special rate will be open to all until February 22, on which date Dr. Bowman will conduct the examination. Ladies and gentlemen may join on an equal footing. At this writing six ladies have decided to join.

F. E. Olds departed for Chadron Saturday morning. Frank has been employed by W. J. Bean for over a year and during that time has studied pharmacy under the direction of a correspondence school. Having been offered a place at Chadron where more prescription work is done than here he accepted the position. A good pharmacist commands top wages and Frank is on the right track in learning the business thoroughly.

Geo. C. Humphrey, of Chadron, who succeeds Deputy Jenkins as revenue collector for the seventh division of Nebraska, was in Hemingford Thursday seeing that those whose duty it is to pay U. S. internal revenue had proper receipts from the department. He found everything o. k. here and left for Crawford the same afternoon. He says that the bill to repeal the Spanish war taxes, or that portion, at least, raised by internal revenue would, in all probability, pass this congress, as it had been unanimously reported for passage from the committee.

denly bereaved say to themselves these lines of Ella Wheeler Wilcox and look with Whittier to see "the breaking day across the mournful marbles play."
I never stand above a bier and see
The seal of death set on some well-loved face
But that I think, "One more to welcome me,"
When I shall cross the intervening space
Between this land and that one over there;
One more to make the strange beyond seem fair.

And so for me there is no sting to death,
And so the grave has lost its victory.
It is but crossing—with abated breath,
And white set face—a little strip of sea.
To find the loved ones waiting on the shore,
More beautiful, more precious than before.

In accepting the position as editor of the Hemingford department of the Alliance HERALD, the writer has done so with the understanding that he will not neglect other interests. It will not be as good as in the past for the reason that the former editor devoted all his time in that direction; and then, again, as my friend C. Olds might suggest, the present editor may lack the same quality of brains as his predecessor. However, the editor will do as well as he can without robbing time from his other business. He will endeavor to mention things deserving mention without favor or prejudice. The publisher has given him considerable latitude as to what shall be contained in this department, so at times the seissors may figure conspicuously in its construction. If you know an item of news worthy of mention tell us about it. If it doesn't interest the people here it may those who have lived here formerly and there are a great number of them who receive the HERALD. If at any time you want space for an article that is of interest and to the point it will be given gladly.

H. C. Atkins, one of our most enterprising citizens, has a scheme for the destruction of the pest of prairie dogs, which infest the grazing land in this section to a great extent. He has operated, he says, extensively throughout northwestern Nebraska and destroyed thousands of dogs. He devotes his whole time to the business, we understand. Somewhere in Kansas they have offered a prize of \$5,000 to anyone who will invent a successful contrivance for the destruction of prairie dogs. Mr. Atkins intends to compete for the prize. We hope that he may be successful.

The second annual convention of the American Cattle Growers' association will convene in Denver March 4, 5, 6. The land leasing question will be the main topic of debate. All the railroads running into Denver will give reduced rates.

Mrs. Orice, mother of Leslie Price, died in Michigan one day last week. Mr. Price went east immediately. Deceased was in Box Butte for a time several years ago.

The hearts of B. & M. boys were gladdened by the appearance of the pay car on the seventeenth with Paymaster Beans aboard.

Death of a Pioneer.

Volney Curtis, one of Box Butte county's pioneers, passed away at his home five miles south of town at 6:40 p. m. on Wednesday of last week.

The funeral services were held in the Congregational church on Friday. The number of vehicles which followed the departed to his last resting place bore strong testimony to the respect and love of his neighbors and friends.

Volney Curtis was born in Ohio April 19, 1829. He received a common school education and early developed marked musical talent. He was one of the singers in Oamsville, Ohio, in his younger days.

He was married January 1, 1851, to Emily Walter. Five children, Minnie, Byron, Walter, Clarence and Bertha were born to them. The first two died during youth. The others survive him. His first wife was a helpless invalid for eight years. During all that time he cared for her faithfully, giving constant evidence of his kindness of heart and ability to care for and comfort the afflicted.

In 1877, after his first wife had been dead for some years he was united in marriage to Mrs. Alice King of Ravenna, Ohio. To them were born a son and a daughter, Bennett C. Curtis and Mrs. Mabel Pierce, both of whom reside in Box Butte county.

A member of the Christian church in Ohio he united with the Congregational church upon settling in this county. He was the youngest of a family of eight children, two of which survive him.


Mr. Curtis was known of all men to be a true and consistent christian; a man upright and honorable in his dealings; a true friend in time of trouble, and at the last scenes for others willing and competent help. Given the gift by God to sing and to sing sweetly he did not hide his talent away but used it both for the entertainment and edification of the living and for the last sad rites for the dead. He made the most of those gifts with which he was endowed and thus in sight of men, and we trust in sight of God, makes up the sum of a successful life.

Rev. Mr. Gardner spoke beautiful and touching words in his sermon, words that will be treasured by the mourning ones during the dark hours of their bereavement and also when time has taken its poignancy away.

Mr. Curtis was gathered to his father in fullness of years and he was by record of a well-filled past, ready to go. At the occasion of the death of his eldest son Mr. Curtis composed a poem which shows that he had ability to speak in measured numbers. Lack of space forbids its publication.

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Our village was visited by a traveling freak or else a big humbug, Wednesday evening, of last week. He gave an exhibition of his talents in the evening at Woodman hall. Those who were there say that he could imitate a whole brass band and play the guitar at the same time; also, that he could sing tenor, bass, alto, soprano, mezzo and contralto all at the same time and for variety mix in a little baritone. Such a man of genius is certainly wasting his talents hand-billing small towns.

Bridges Bro's. concert troupe will give a free concert Friday evening, February 21, and remain a week giving lessons in vocal music.

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